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MEMORANDUM TO: [redacted]

FROM:

SUBJECT: Group I Budget Estimate

1. Enclosed herewith is tentative budget estimate and justification for Group I activities for the Fiscal Years 1949 - 1950.

2. This budget estimate is broken down only sketchily for a lack of any firm experience to go on. It was drafted to fit generally within the limits of the funds which it appears now will be available to us for these fiscal years.

3. The only fairly firm figures are those for the number and compensation of vouchered home office employees. The number and cost of employees abroad will depend very largely upon the extent to which overseas employees are used for more than one phase of OPC activity.

4. The figure for equipment also will vary substantially according to the trend of future policy and the extent to which it is deemed advisable for us to get into directly operated printing and radio operations.

5. The figure for subsidy and project development has been purposely made large, both because it is impossible accurately to estimate the amount of any given future subsidy and because of the necessity of providing leeway to take care of inevitable budget errors.

6. It would be possible to break down such items as transportation and travel, contractual services, and living and quarters, but if this were done, it would not make the estimated totals any more realistic.

7. The estimated pro rata share in front organizations is subject to final determination of what the cost of such organizations actually will be.

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BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

OFFICE OF POLICY COORDINATION

Group I

1. **Reference:** NSC 10/2

2. **Purpose and Objectives:**

   a. The purpose of this Group is to provide covert support for, and/or clandestinely to operate, propaganda activities in all media outside the United States with the objectives of:

      (1) Counteracting Soviet-Communist propaganda attacking the United States and nations friendly to the United States;

      (2) Strengthening the morale and resistance of anti-Communist elements abroad on both sides of the Iron Curtain;

      (3) Attacking the aims and objectives of the Soviet and satellite governments and the international Communist party, discrediting their leadership, undermining the morale of their followers, and promoting friction and division within their ranks;

      (4) Influencing foreign public opinion generally in a direction favorable to the attainment of United States foreign policy aims.

3. **Scope of Activities:**

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   b. Each of these phases, in turn, falls into two primary categories:

      (1) Directly controlled and operated by OPC personnel;

      (2) Indirectly controlled, through subsidization, military, or political pressure.

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c. The geographical scope of this group is world-wide, outside the United States, but project priorities, as to timing and extent of effort, will be determined in coordination with State Department and the National Military Establishment.

b. Planning Table:

The effectiveness of any propaganda campaign depends largely upon continuity and cumulative pressure. The objectives of Group I cannot be fully realized in the 1948-49-50 budget period. The following table represents an estimate of what can be soundly and progressively put under way by:

1 January 1949: One project, domestic

Six projects, Europe, with several sub-projects.

One project, Middle East

One project, East Asia

1 April 1949: Two projects, domestic

Ten projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Two projects, Near and Middle East

Two projects, East Asia

1 July 1949: Two projects, domestic

Fifteen projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Three projects, Near and Middle East

Four projects, East Asia

1 October 1949: Three projects, domestic

Twenty projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Four projects, Near and Middle East

Five projects, East Asia

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1 January 1950: Three projects, domestic

Twenty-five projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Six projects, Near and Middle East

Eight projects, East Asia

1 April 1950: Three projects, domestic

Twenty-eight projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Eight projects, Near and Middle East

Ten projects, East Asia

1 July 1950: Four projects, domestic

Thirty projects, Europe, with several sub-projects

Ten projects, Near and Middle East

Twelve projects, East Asia

(By domestic project is meant an operation carried out in the United States in direct support of overseas activities)

5. Planning Table:

It is estimated that, to meet requirements of the planning table above, the following personnel will be required in categories: I - Home Office, westward, II - Home Office and domestic, unvouchered, including full-time contractual agents, III - Overseas, unvouchered, including full-time contractual agents.

	Executive and Operational	Clerical
1 January 1949:	I - 5 II - 8 III - 10	5 5
1 July 1949:	I - 24 II - 4 - 5 III - 85	14 10
1 January 1950:	I - 26 II - 5 - 6 III - 40	16 8 20

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HQ	OPC	CA	Budget	5 Nov.
			Psy War	1948
			Radio Front organization	
			Media propaganda Personnel	

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Forwards outline of basic program of OPC Budget Estimate for FY 1949-1950 for Group I (Propaganda).

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